tobacco would be imported into Vellarappalli and not more than that ?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is that quantity?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—If you refer to the sale notification of the shops for this year, you can find it.

President.—Are you in a position to give the figures now ?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The approximate figure will do. What is the amount for which the shops are auctioned ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I don't remember.

President.—Information is not readily available.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Papers should be ready, so that when questions are put, they can be answered. Now, I have to put another question.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I could have very easily given the figures.

President.—We must make a distinction between supplementary questions and fresh questions. For the purpose of answering these fresh questions we are given notice. The supplementary questions are put to elucidate facts given in the answer. What is the fact given in the answer that requires explanation ?

All these questions will appear to have reference to new questions of facts, and for that reference to papers will be necessary.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I say that it is not a supplementary question, and I am not bound to answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It is a supplementary question ; I can prove it.

President.—To give the quantity of tobacco we have to examine records. We could not know that a supplementary question would be asked on this.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The Hon'ble Member said he could very easily give the figures. If he has got them, I shall be very much obliged, if he gives them.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—But I have not got the papers.

Judicial Powers to Panchayats.

89. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:—

(a) a list of the Panchayats on which judicial powers were conferred during the regime of the present Superintendent of Panchayats ;

(b) the number of Panchayats which have judicial powers and the number which have not ;

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(c) 1. a list of the Panchayats from which applications were received for judicial powers; and

2. the reason for the refusal in each case?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Judicial powers were not conferred on any.

(b) Twenty-four and 60 respectively.

(c) 1. Applications from almost all the Panchayats have been received.

2. The question of giving judicial powers to the Panchayats in question is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"Applications from almost all the Panchayats have been received". How long have they been receiving, and how long have they been considering?

President.—Consideration, I suppose, must be after the receipt, so that the only question is "how long have they been receiving."

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Two or three years.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then, why is the delay in coming to a conclusion after such a long period? Were they not being considered?

President.—That is a comment on the answer. I cannot permit it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have they come to any decision?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not yet.

90. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have come to any final conclusion regarding the investiture of civil power to all or any of the Panchayats that has not the power at present?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No. (Vide also answer to question No. 89.)

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know who is the officer mentioned here as "Government". Is it the Diwan or the Superintendent of Panchayats? With whom does the delay take place?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That is not a supplementary question, Sir.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Yes, Sir, it is, because I want to know whether the information of the Superintendent of Panchayats has been submitted to the Government, and where takes place the delay, or whether even the information of the Superintendent of Panchayats has not yet been submitted to the Government?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Is it a supplementary question?

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